

They call her

...and she'll Cream you!

SYNOPSIS

(Not for Publication)

Flower-child Coffin, known familiarly as Coffy (PAM GRIER), is an attractive young nurse who is determined to kill everyone responsible for destroying her eleven-year-old sister who has lost her mind through the use of dope. First she lures a pusher, Sugar-Man (MORRIS BUCHANAN), into a bedroom, blows his head off with a shotgun. Then she forces his driver to give himself a fatal shot of heroin.

Coffy, who is part Afro, part Mexican, part Indian and part Filipino, is all vengeance. She hasn't time for Carter (WILLIAM ELLIOTT), a young black policeman, and she learns that his partner, McHenry (BARRY CAHILL), who is white, is probably crooked.

Coffy's boy friend, Brunswick (BOOKER BRAD-SHAW), is a city councilman. He is a fortyish mulatto, whose pal is Ramos (RUBEN MORENO), a former policeman of Spanish-Mexican extraction who is now a racketeer. Coffy joins them and Brunswick takes her to his apartment and they go to bed

together.

Coffy learns from Carter that McHenry is working with the drug mob, and that the head of it is a Las Vegas gangster, Vitroni (ALLAN ARBUS). Suddenly two hoodlums burst in. They have been sent by McHenry to smash Carter, because Carter knows McHenry's secret. They are Omar (SID HAIG), a tall Armenian, and Nick (LEE DE BROUX). They rough up Coffy and batter Carter so he will never be the same.

Coffy discovers from a prostitute, Priscilla (CAROL LAWSON), that a big shot dope distributor and pimp, King George (ROBERT DOQUI), works for Vitroni. Before Coffy can leave Priscilla a huge black lesbian comes in and savagely attacks

Coffy escapes and contrives to meet King George. Coffy lures him into a boudoir, and later when she is alone there she takes the heroin which he has

hidden and substitutes plain powder for it.

Knowing that one, of King George's girls, Meg
(LINDA HAYNES), is going to attack her, Coffy

puts razor blades in her hair. In the wild fight which follows, Meg slashes her hands. Vitroni, who has come in, watches the battle with relish, and tells

King George he wants to have sex with Coffy.
Studs (BOB MINOR), who is a black bodyguard for King George, takes Coffy to her hotel
room so she can clean up for Vitroni. Then she goes to Vitroni's bedroom and just as he is about to practice his particular perversion upon her she pulls a revolver. But Nick bursts in, grabs her and dis-arms her. Vitroni suspects that Coffy is someone's agent, so he calls in his aide, Aleva (JOHN PER-AK), to get his opinion. Aleva says King George put her up to it. Vitroni orders Omar and Nick to kill King George, which they do.

Brunswick is summoned to a hideaway, where he finds Vitroni, McHenry, Aleva, Nick and Ramos. They figure that because he is black he must have been in on the plot to kill Vitroni. They test him by bringing Coffy in front of him and accusing him of sending her to shoot Vitroni. Brunswick, who has been collaborating with Vitroni all along, says they

should kill Coffy.

McHenry, Omar and Nick put Coffy in McHenry's police car and give her what they think is a fatal shot of heroin. Actually it is only the harmless powder which Coffy substituted in King George's bedroom. They pull Coffy out of the car and Omar starts to have intercourse with her when she stabs him in the throat with a bobby pin she has sharpened. He begins to bleed to death.

Coffy runs up an embankment. Nick shoots at her, but he is hit by a car and killed. McHenry tries to run her down. She eludes him and he drives off the end of an uncompleted freeway, plunging to a

fiery death.

Coffy steals a car and crashes into the hideaway, where she kills Aleva by running into him and kills Ramos and Vitroni with a shotgun. Then she goes to Brunswick's beach house and shoots off everything that was where his crotch used to be.

Coffy has destroyed those who destroyed her

CAST

PAM GRIER
BOOKER BRADSHAW
ROBERT DoQUI
WILLIAM ELLIOTT
ALLAN ARBUS
SID HAIG
BARRY CAHILL
MORRIS BUCHANAN
LEE de BROUX
BOB MINOR
JOHN PERAK
RUBEN MORENO
CAROL LAWSON
LINDA HAYES
LISA FARRINGER

Screenplay by Jack Hill A SAMUEL Z. ARKOFF PRESENTATION

Running time: 91 minutes Aspect ratio: 1.85:1

Rating: R

Color by Movielab An American International Picture

CREDITS

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Producer	ROBERT A. PAPAZIAN						
Director	JACK HILL						
Executive Producer							
Production Manager	NORMAN COOK						
Production Assistant							
First Assistant Director							
Art Director							
Director of Photography	PAUL LOHMANN						
Sound Mixer	DON JOHNSON						
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Wardrobe Woman	SANDRA STEWART						
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Make-up Artist							
Casting							
	BERNARD CARNEOL						
Music Composed and Conducted							
Stunt Coordinator							
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PAM GRIER STARS IN STARTLING **NEW KIND OF MOVIE**

"Coffy" is a "first."

Pam Grier, in American International's "Coffy," personally and violently gets vengeance against the men who have ruined her eleven-year-old sister. She takes

justice and guns into her own hands to blast down the dope pushers who are destroying youngsters. It can be seen when "Coffy" opens _______ at the _____ Theatre.

Pam has seen the devastating effect of naroctics within her own family, so her depiction of the enraged Coffy is doubly real.

She advised Jack Hill, who wrote and directed "Coffy," about many of the situations and characters in the fast-paced drama

"Coffy" was filmed in and around Los Angeles, on "actual" locations. It has the ring of truth and the ring of bullets. It is a smashing, no-holds-barred story of retaliation.

Pam plays a young woman who is of exactly the same an-cestry as she herself actually is. Jack Hill describes her in the screenplay as "a remarkable piece of racial blending, part Afro, part Mexican, part Indian and a bit of Filipino around the

Pam is just about the busiest actress in Hollywood. Before she made "Coffy" she co-starred in American International's "Black Mama, White Mama." After "Coffy" she immediately went into the starring role opposite William Marshall in "Scream, Blacula, Scream."

Born Pamala Suzette Grier, in Born Pamala Suzette Grier, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, she was relocated just a few weeks after her birth to Denver, Colorado. The family was then moved to Swindon, England, just west of London. By the time, five years later, when the family was moved to Travis Air Force Base, Pam had acquired a delightful Cockney accent. Finally the Griers returned to Denver where her father retired ally the Griers returned to Denver where her father retired from service. They lived in a rough neighborhood, about which she reminisces: "The girls in my school would tease me about my 'funny' accent and chase me home almost every day. They never caught me though."

Tomboy though she was, Pam never neglected the other facets of her developing character. She of her developing character. She sang with a gospel choir which appeared on television every Sunday, was president of the drama society in her school, and was a member of the debating team. She also maintained an excellent grade level and entered Metropolitan State College with the intention of becoming a doctor. a doctor.

If Pam is in love with Holly-wood, then conversely, Holly-wood is in love with her. The love affair began when she started as a switchboard operastarted as a switchboard operator at American International and grew through her first bit role in "Beyond the Valley of the Dolls." On stage it was "Blues for Mr. Charlie," by James Baldwin, and "Carnival Island" with the Ebony Showcase. There were also background vocals for her cousin Rosey Grier, Bobby Womack, Lou Rawls and commercials. Her first leading role was in "The Big Doll House," where she also sang the theme.

Besides Pam "Coffy's" cast

Besides Pam, "Coffy's" cast consists of Bill Elliott, Booker Bradshaw, Sid Haig, Allan Arbus, Robert DoQui and many other well-considered actors. It was directed by Jack Hill from his own script, with Robert A. Papazian as producer.



SCENE MAT 1-A

PAM IN PERIL-Pam Grier stars in her most perilous part yet in American International's at the Theatre. In the crime drama Pam single-handedly knocks off the drug pushers who have destroyed her eleven-year-old sister. This is the most violent and colorful role of Pam's career, and she is surrounded by an outstanding cast which includes Bill Elliott, Booker Bradshaw, Sid Haig, Allan Arbus and Robert DoQui. at the

Sid Haig, Big **Bad Guy**

Sid Haig plays Omar, an un-derworld "enforcer," in Ameri-can International's "Coffy,"

ister appearance which is relieved by a mischievous twinkle in his eyes. In "Coffy" he tries to rape and kill Pam Grier. "Coffy" was written and directed by Jack Hill, for producer Robert A. Papazian. Besides Miss Grier and Haig it stars Bill Elliott, Booker Bradshaw, Allan Arbus, Robert DoQui and many other well-regarded actors other well-regarded actors

Former Fashion Photographer Now Actor

Theatre.

In the film Vitroni is the ultimate target in the war of vengeance waged by Coffy, as depicted by Pam Grier.

Arbus was a fashion photographer before he became an action that the the second of the property of the second of the

rapher before he became an actor. He is now in steady demand for motion pictures, and has a long list of credits which inclues "Cisco Pike," "Greaser's Palace," "The Christian Licorice Store" and "Putney Swope."

With Miss Grier and Arbus in "Coffy" are Bill Elliott, Booker Bradshaw, Sid Haig, Robert Do Qui and many other fine actors. It was directed by Jack Hill from his own script. Robert A. Papazian produced.

PUBLICITY

Booker Bradshaw— From Harvard To "Coffy"

Booker Bradshaw has one of the most important parts in American International's "Cof-fy." He depicts Brunswick fy." He depicts Brunswick, the crooked politician loved by Pam Grier. Their affair is punctuated by bullets in the drama which opens at the..

Theatre.
Bradshaw is a product of Har-Bradshaw is a product of Harvard University and the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London. He appeared on Broadway in "Where's Daddy," "You Can't Take It With You" and "The Kitchen." He has performed with Helen Hayes, has been in 30 television shows, and was featured in "Midnight Cowboy." He co-starred in the feawas featured in "Midnight Cow-boy." He co-starred in the fea-tures "Strawberry Statement," "Skullduggery" and "Time." He has written and sold three screenplays, to ABC-TV, to Screen Gems and to Host Pro-ductions in Montreal

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Also in the cast of "Coffy" are Bill Elliott, Sid Haig, Allan Arbus, Robert DoQui and several other colorful actors. It was written and directed by Jack Hill, with Robert A. Papazian as producer. producer.

Two of the Prominent Character Actors in "Coffy"

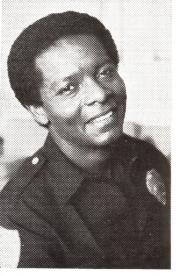
Robert DoQui has the colorful role of King George in Ameri-can International's "Coffy,"

which opens Theatre. He plays an underworld boss who lives splendor and is involved with Pam Grier. He has had major roles in such films as "The Man," "Soul Soldier," "The Cincinnati Kid" and "Fortune Cookie."

Ruben Moreno enacts the part of Ramos, a mobster, in "Coffy." Moreno's motion picture credits include "Little Big Man." He has been featured in many television series segments.

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"Coffy" was written and directed by Jack Hill, with Robert A. Papazian as producer.



SCENE MAT 1-B

life Elliott is the husband singer Dionne Warwicke.

Bill Elliott Now on The Big Screen

Bill Elliott plays the key role of Carter, a young black policeman who defies the underworld in American International's "Coffe" He is in love with Born "Coffy." He is in love with Pam Grier, who is infatuated with a glib politician. These relationships are part of the hard-hit-ting crime drama which opens at the

Theatre.

Elliott was a star of the recent CBS-TV series "Bridget Loves Bernie."

Others in the cast of "Coffy" are Booker Bradshaw, Sid Haig, Allan Arbus, Robert DoQui and Morris Buchanan. It was directed and written by Jack Hill.



SCENE MAT 2-A

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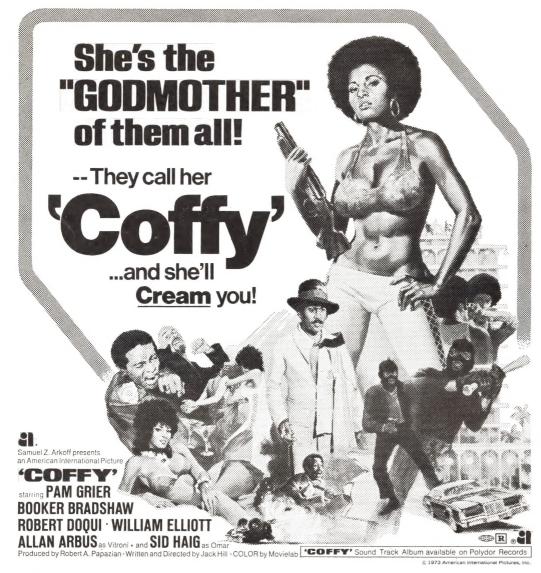


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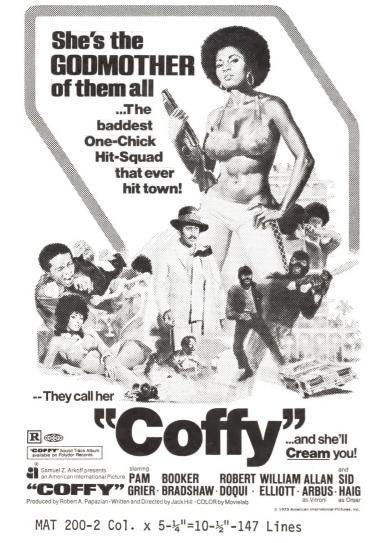


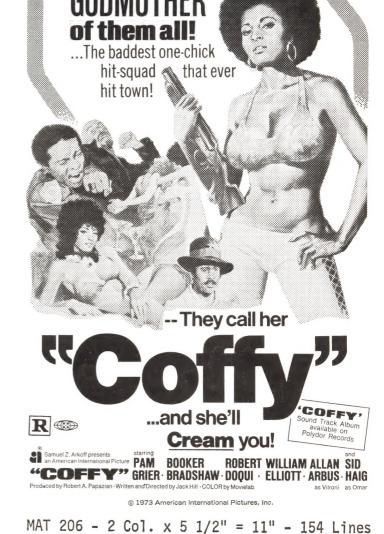
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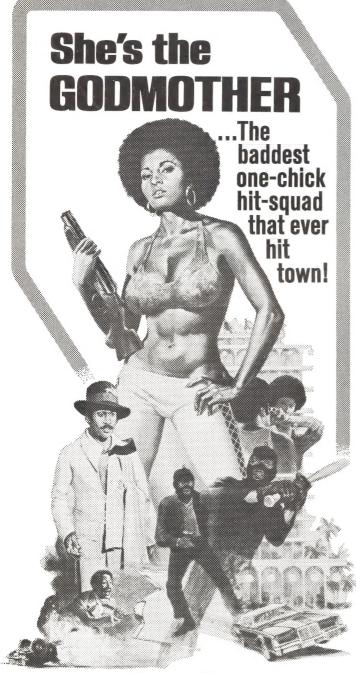


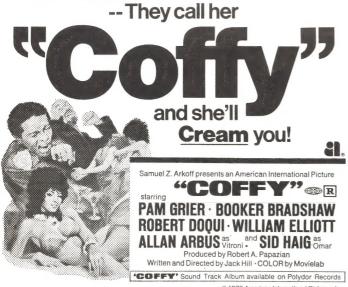


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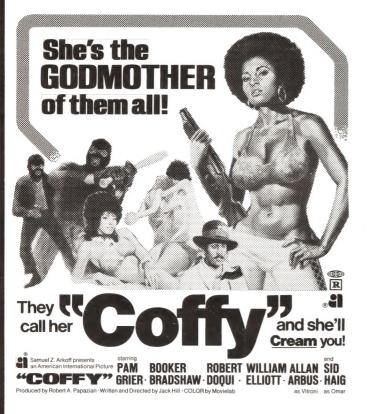
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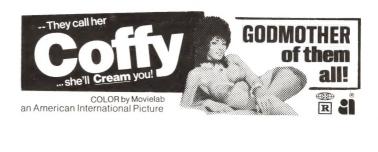
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EXPLOITATION

LOBBY CUT-OUT — The key illustration in all the ads and posters for "COFFY is an exciting painting depicting much of the action and featuring a striking full length figure of Pam Grier. The shape of the illustration against its white background makes it easily adaptable for use as a cut out for your lobby. Have your local poster shop mount one of the large posters on hardboard and cut out the background around the illustration. Set it up with appropriate play date copy in your lobby. If you have a co-op floor or window display deals with any of the local merchants, manufacture several of these cut-outs to cover all sites.

"COFFY" ROYAL — Have your local nightclub or bar feature a "COFFY—ROYAL" week during the play date, using the title of the film as a misspelling for his Coffee Royals (a drink consisting of coffee laced with whisky or brandy). Supply him with paper coasters or napkins imprinted with one of the small ads as added interest and stimulation.

LATE-LATE SHOW — Set up an extra showing of the film after your normal last show and advertise it under the headline "STAY UP LATE WITH 'COFFY'." Plug it in local bars and nite spots where you can reach your community night people. Sub-copy should state NOBODY SLEEPS WHEN THEY MESS WITH "COFFY."

"COFFY'S" CANNON DISPLAY — Pam Grier as Coffy makes extensive use of a shotgun in her battles against the mob killers. Have a 12-gauge double-barrelled shotgun "femininized" by painting it pink, pasting lace frills on it and lettering HERS across the rifle's butt. Set it up in a display in your lobby under the headlines "COFFY's CANNON" along with stills from the film and playdate copy for an intriguing eye-catcher.

GRISLY LOBBY DISPLAY — Have a number of dummies dressed in the sharpest clothes sprawled across your lobby floor between the entrance and aisles as if they had been mowed down by COFFY. Judicious use of red paint can simulate wounds on the prostate figures and add reality to the effect. Appropriate signs can state "COFFY" WAS HERE.

becoming a favorite for segments of the country's black community, Pam Grier, who is the cousin of the top pro-footballer Rosie Grier, is of extreme interest to the younger crowds. They avidly follow the careers of black artists in the entertainment industries and are more than willing to watch them perform. Make sure that you reach this eager audience via local black publications, television and radio shows and disc jockeys and community events.

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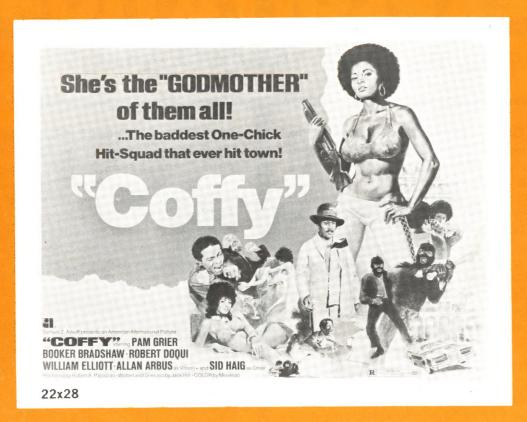
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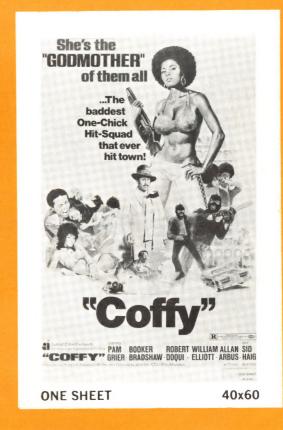
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